



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: May 12, 2003

To: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Subject: Presentation on an Economic Impact Study of Childcare in Minneapolis

Recommendation:
Receive presentation.

Previous Directives:
None

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Presenters in Committee: Sharon Henry-Blythe, Chair Minneapolis School Board, Executive Director of GMDCA

Background/Supporting Information Attached:

The Greater Minneapolis Day Care Association (GMDCA) has completed an economic impact study of child care in Minneapolis. The presentation will be the first public forum to present the results of this study to elected officials and the general public.

The City of Minneapolis has a long history of investing in childcare, recognizing this service as part of the infrastructure that enables parents to work and prepares the City's future workforce. This report focuses on the economic impact of child care as an industry with 711 small businesses which generate \$90.4 million in revenues, provide care for 12,494 preschool children, and employ 1,867 people in Minneapolis. The size of the child cares industry places it in the top 40 percent of Minneapolis businesses. The child care industry is a key component of the City's economic and social infrastructure while enabling parents to work and helping nurture young children's development and potential for success in school and life.